of the work for the whole of Indian Railways including a captive telecom network is Rs. 1098 crores.

(c) As the details of NIC offer have only just been made available they will be examined for suitability of the system for management of indian Railways Operations. It is not advisible to change the approach while the NIC offer is being examined in depth.

Encroachment of Railway Land in Assam

7869. SHRI TARA CHARAN MAJUMDAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the maximum encroachment of land on both sides of the railway track in different Railway Zones in Assam is affecting even normal railway services;

(b) if so, what is the area of Railway land encroached by Bangladeshis in Assam;

(c) whether Government have undertaken any survey of the land under encroachment; if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any area has got vacated by Government during the last three years; and

(e) if so, the effective steps being teken to remove these encroachments in future?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) Encroachments on railway land in some locations close to the Railway track are affecting Railway operations.

(b) Information relating to the nationality of encroachers is not maintained by the Railways.

(c) Identification of encroachments on railway land is done on a regular basis. There are 5452 encroachments on railway land in Assam.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Action to remove encroachments from railway land is taken in accordance with the provisions of Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorized Occupants) Act, 1971 and on a continuous basis.

Loco deal with ABB

7870. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: SHRI SHANKAR DAYAL SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) What is the response of the Ministry on the report of the Controller and Auditor General of India (CAG) about 6000 Horse Power Loco deal with Asian Brown Breweries (ABB);

(b) on what consideration the ABB was preferred in comparison to same quality locos offered by others at much lower rates;

(c) the details about the offer specifications of loco technology transfer and terms of payment etc. made by various loco manufacturers;

(d) what is the range HPs of locos produced by Indian manufacturers and their existing potential to upgrade higher level HP locos and better quality production;

(e) whether there was no marked difference in specifications and proces between domestic and international, offers, the reasons for which domestic offers were not accepted; and

(f) whether Government have taken care to reduce highly disturbing vibrations in coaches of high speed trains like Rajdhani, Shatabdi and Ashram Express?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) The CAG Report is under consideration.

(b) The offer of M/s ABB was evaluated as the lowest acceptable offer.

(c) A annexure is attached. [*See* Appendix 170, Annexure No. 150]

(d) Both CLW and BHEL are manufacturing locomotives of 3850 HP.

CLW is also producing locos of 5000 HP by upgradation of existing design.

(e) There was in fact no indigenous offer. However the offer of M/s BHEL was based on import of technology as well as equipment from Hitachi, Japan.

(f) The riding of Integral Coach Factory (ICF) coaches is well within acceptable limits.

Passengers' Hardships on Western Railway

7871. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has seen the news-item which appeared in Marathi daily "Loksatta" published in Mumbai on the 19th May, 1994, regardiong passenger hardships on Western Railway if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto;

(b) whether it is a fact that such complaints are regularly received by the Railway Authorities on the routes mentioned in the complaints if so, what action was taken thereon;

(c) what action Government propose to take against Government Railway Police involving three different States;

(d) whether Railway Vigilance Branch of the Special Travelling Ticket Inspectors have in the past done any surprise check of these routes of so, the details thereof; and

(e) what action Railways contemplate against the staff?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) to (e) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Gauge conversion between Gandhidham and Bhuj

7872. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Railway Minister assured the delegation of MPs belonging to Kutch District that he will initiate action on the lines of Konkan Railway Corporation and solve the long pending issue of broad gauge Railway conversion project between Gandhidham and Bhuj;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Railway Minister has also agreed to visit Gandhidham with entire Railway Board members to study the issue and take on the spot decision;

(d) if so, the outcome thereof and the decision taken by the Railway Minister during his visit to Gandhidham so far; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details have yet to be worked out.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e) The visit has not taken place so far.

रेलवे में चल टिकट परीक्षकों द्वारा कदाचार

7873. **श्री ईश दत्त यादव:** क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि जिन चल टिकट परीक्षकों के कदाचारों को रोकने के लिए जो अभियान चलाए गए थे और अनुशासनात्मक कार्यवाहियां प्रारम्भ की गयी थीं; उनमें से कई परीक्षकों को बिना किसी दंड के छोड़ दिया गया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं;

(ग) कदाचार के दोषी कर्मचारियों की संख्या क्या है और कितने कर्मचारियों के विरुद्ध जांच की गयी और उन्हें दंड दिया गया; और

(घ) उन्हें किस प्रकार का दंड दिया गया?

रेल मंत्री (श्री सी॰ के॰ जाफर शरीफ): (क) और (ख) कुछ चल टिकट परीक्षकों, जिनके विरुद्ध प्रथम दृष्ट्या साक्ष्य के आधार पर अनुशासन एवं अपील नियमों के अंतर्गत जांच की गई थी को दण्डित नहीं